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In re Application of:

STAFFORD

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For: Retrofitting Vessels to Deflect Radar Signals

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the fees and issuance of the first official action, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

3. (once amended) An array according to claim 1 wherein any edges defining the boundary of the reflective surfaces are oriented so as to be oblique to the direction of incident radar for a given range of incident directions.

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4. (once amended) An array according to claim 1 wherein the reflective surfaces are oriented so as to reflect an incident radar signal by up to about 30 degrees.

5. (once amended) An array according to claim 1 wherein the reflective surfaces are oriented so as to reflect an incident radar signal by up to about 15 degrees.

6. (once amended) An array according to claim 1 wherein the reflective surfaces are oriented so as to reflect an incident radar signal by up to about 8 to 10 degrees.

7. (once amended) An array according to claim 1 wherein the element is triangular, polyhedral, pyramidal or prismatic in shape or in cross-section.

8. (once amended) An array according to claim 1 wherein the element is an elongated triangle, elongated polyhedron or elongated pyramid.